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Severe Weather Awareness Week in Montana is April 17-21, 2006

The week of April 17 through 21 has been proclaimed severe weather awareness week in Montana. This is an excellent time for all individuals, families, businesses, schools, radio and television stations to review their spring and summer preparedness plans. It is especially important for all new arrivals to the Northern Rockies to become familiar with NOAA's National Weather Service Watch and Warning definitions as well as convective weather safety procedures.

Spring in the Northern Rockies can bring you snow one day and thunderstorms the next. The chance of severe thunderstorms and flooding will be increasing with the weeks to come. Are you prepared for severe thunderstorms with large hail, tornadoes, flash flooding, mudslides or lightning? This is the time to learn more about severe weather, develop severe weather preparedness plans, and test vital communications.

To help our communities learn more about these dangers, NOAA's National Weather Service Offices in Montana will issue public information statements throughout the week to discuss:

MONDAY	NWS WATCH AND WARNING PROGRAM
TUESDAY	NOAA WEATHER RADIO / ALL HAZARDS INFORMATION
WEDNESDAY	WIND / HAIL / SAFETY
THURSDAY	LIGHTNING SAFETY
FRIDAY	FLOOD SAFETY

Anyone who needs information on severe storms in Montana should contact their nearest NOAA National Weather Service Office.

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GREAT FALLS	406-453-9957	www.weather.gov/greatfalls
BILLINGS	406-652-1916	www.weather.gov/billings
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